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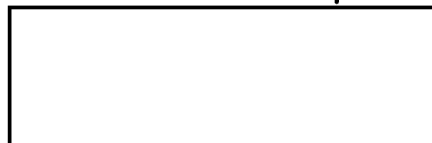
SUBJECT: The Communist Doctrine and Its Role in Soviet Bloc
Foreign Policy

1. In view of the anticipated diversity of opinion among IAC members concerning the ideological factors which motivate and determine Soviet attitudes and actions, no steps have so far been taken by O/NE to have a basic paper produced which would serve as reference for future NIE's. However, the pending estimates on Soviet Courses of Action (short-range and long-range) must of necessity take this problem into consideration.

2. In view of this, a recent article in the Soviet journal VOPROSI FILOSOFII (Problems of Philosophy) seems pertinent and instructive. It appears to give a good theoretical insight into the present ideological thinking of the Party. The attached excerpts of the article are selected for their special significance; the article itself is rather long and contains endless attacks against the American "imperialists and warmongers."

3. VOPROSI FILOSOFII is one of the most important Soviet publications dealing with doctrinal questions. It has in the past published articles which were authoritative indicators of Soviet thinking.

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